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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 2 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 21 November 2003 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>11/21/03&4/5/05</u> . | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ____ |

Quayle Action

1. This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Drawings

2. The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they include the following reference character(s) not mentioned in the description: 52, 74, 76 and 331. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d), or amendment to the specification to add the reference character(s) in the description in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(b) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Specification

3. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities.
Appropriate correction is required.
On page 7, line 19, "54" should be changed to "52".

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On page 12, line 21, "325, 326" should be changed to "325 and 326".

4. The use of the trademark VELCROTM has been noted in this application. It should be capitalized wherever it appears and be accompanied by the generic terminology.

Although the use of trademarks is permissible in patent applications, the proprietary nature of the marks should be respected and every effort made to prevent their use in any manner which might adversely affect their validity as trademarks.

Claim Objections

5. Claims 15, 18 and 20 are objected to because of the following informalities. Appropriate correction is required.

On line 3 of claim 15, "first direction" should be changed to "direction".

On line 1 of claim 18, "wherein said direction is a first direction and" should be inserted after "15,".

On lines 2-3 of claim 20, "available under the trade name of Melinex 359 (trade name of ICI, Inc.)" must be deleted.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 1-25 are allowed.
7. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance.

Claims 1-20

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The primary reason for allowance is the friction reducing members formed on the outer surface of the claimed sleeve for temporarily supporting and spacing from the outer surface a flimsy continuous belt to be loaded onto the claimed belt support and drive assembly, the friction reducing members each having a belt contact area such that a sum total of belt contact areas of all of the friction reducing members is significantly less than the total outer surface area of the sleeve. The above limitations are contained in claims 1-20, but are not taught or suggested by the prior art of record.

Claims 21-25

The primary reason for allowance is the friction reducing members on the claimed outer surface for temporarily supporting and spacing a flimsy continuous belt to be loaded onto the claimed belt support and drive assembly, the friction reducing members each having a belt contact area such that a total of all the belt contact areas is significantly less than the total outer surface area of the claimed sleeve. The above limitations are contained in claims 21-25, but are not taught or suggested by the prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Prior Art

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Shogren et al. (US 5,708,924), Park (US 5,978,625), Lee (US 6,185,395), Park et al. (US 6,356,725) and Yamamoto (US 6,393,236) disclose a belt loading member.

Darcy et al. (US 5,282,345) disclose the use of black photo paper as a protective paper for a photoreceptive belt.

Inquiry

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sandra L. Brase whose telephone number is 571-272-2131. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday and alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Arthur T. Grimley, can be reached on 571-272-2136. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sandra L. Brase". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Sandra" and last name "Brase" clearly distinguishable.

Sandra L. Brase
Primary Examiner
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April 29, 2005